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Honorable J. Brian Atwood
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Dear Mr. Atwood:

I am writing to you on a matter of particular concern to me, the disappearance of two Argentine physicists. I am informed by members of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Physics that Federico Eduardo Alvarez Rojas and his wife, Hilda Graciela Leikis de Alvarez Rojas, were forcibly removed from their home on October 1, 1976, and that Daniel Eduardo Bendersky was arrested on September 16, 1978.

The Francis Bitter National Magnet Laboratory of M.I.T. has offered Dr. Rojas a position of Visiting Research Scientist, and Mr. Bendersky has been admitted to the physics graduate program there and offered full financial support. These actions make the emigration of Dr. and Ms. Rojas and Mr. Bendersky possible.

The assistance of your offices in obtaining any available information about the whereabouts and conditions of Dr. and Ms. Rojas and Mr. Bendersky would be most appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

With every best wish I am

Cordially yours

Robert F. Drinan
Member of Congress

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